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1. Units of Rumanian infantry are stationed at Vinga, about 20 kilometers south-southeast of Arad, and in the two villages of Mertisoara and Ortisoara. Cavalry units are billeted at Sanandrei, about 40 kilometers south of Arad. A regiment of frontier guards is stationed in Arad along the Arad-Pecica railroad line, next to the first signal. One artillery unit is located in the forest southeast of Arad. A floating bridge over the Mures River is used by the artillery corps. Infantry units are also quartered in the villages of Hodoni and Satchinez, about 40 kilometers south-southwest of Arad.
3. East of Biled and about 40 kilometers south-southeast of Arad at the bend of the Apa Neagra River, three casemates have been built on a small hill overlooking the river. A fourth casemate is located several hundred meters northwest of this point. The casemates are of concrete, about three meters high and are half underground. They form part of a line that goes across Hungary to the Austrian border. They reportedly started receiving arms and munitions in early April 1953.
4. On 21 August 1953, between Aradul Nou and Vinga, several motorcycles with sidecars transporting three Soviet officers each were observed. The motorcycles were followed by a truck carrying Soviet officers and noncommissioned officers. The officers wore epaulettes with black backgrounds and caps with black bands.

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